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Allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee

Letter dated 21 September 2005 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session, held on 20 September 2005, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Fifth Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/60/250 and Corr.1). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 17th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I look forward to your kind cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**

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Annex

Items allocated to the Fifth Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 113]:
   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;
   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;
   (d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;
   (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.
3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 116].

   [The General Assembly decided to allocate item 116 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.]
4. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [item 121]:
   (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations;
   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
   (c) Capital master plan.
5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 122].
6. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [item 123].
7. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [item 124].
8. Programme planning [item 125].

   [The General Assembly decided to also allocate item 125 to the Second Committee, for its consideration of and appropriate action on sections C.1 and C.2 of chapter III, concerning evaluation, of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session.]
9. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [item 126].
10. Pattern of conferences [item 127].
11. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [item 128].
12. Human resources management [item 129].

13. Joint Inspection Unit [item 130].

14. United Nations common system [item 131].

15. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [item 132].

16. Administration of justice at the United Nations [item 133].

17. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [item 134].

18. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [item 135].

19. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [item 136].

20. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi [item 137].

21. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire [item 138].

22. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [item 139].

23. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [item 140].

24. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [item 141].

25. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor [item 142].

26. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [item 143].

27. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [item 144].

28. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti [item 145].

29. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [item 146]:

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

30. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [item 147].

31. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [item 148].

32. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [item 149]:

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

33. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [item 150].

34. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan [item 151].

35. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [item 152].

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Scale of Assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Letter dated 12 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your consideration, a letter dated 2 September 2005, the original of which was received on 12 October 2005, from Ibrahim Aboubacar Abani, Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations, requesting that the letter be issued as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 128 (see annex).

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**

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Annex

Letter dated 2 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to address you, at my Government's request, for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, to be considered by the General Assembly.

My country's authorities are aware of their obligation to meet their financial responsibilities with the Organization and, in this regard, they have done everything possible to pay the full minimum amount necessary in order to have the right to vote. However, despite the efforts made, this has been impossible owing to the negative effect on our capacity to pay caused by the internal difficult situation undergone by the country over the last few years, inter alia, the coup d'état of April 1999 and the military transition of one year to set up a democratic regime.

After the free and democratic elections of December 1999, the new democratic regime is faced with having to pay more than 12 months of salaries arrears of civil servants, pensions and scholarships.

Now this problem has been partly solved and the Niger has signed a financial agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

The Niger, one of the least developed countries, is currently going through its worst humanitarian crisis. Three million people (which represents close to 25 per cent of its population) are currently suffering from famine. Twenty per cent of its children are suffering from severe malnutrition, while hundreds have already starved to death.

The country often suffers from drought and locust plagues.

Despite the grave economic difficulties facing the country, my Government has demonstrated its commitment to meeting its financial obligations through the multi-year payment plan submitted in March 2004 and the two instalments already made.

You should recall that the General Assembly, aware of the fact that the non-payment of its contribution by my Government was due to conditions beyond its control, had previously decided to exempt my country from the application of Article 19, which we highly appreciate since it enables the Niger to preserve all its rights as a Member State, including the fundamental right to vote.

You may be certain that my Government will make all necessary payments as soon as possible to preserve this right.

I would be grateful if this letter could be issued as a document of the General Assembly and considered under item 128, scale of assessments, during the main part of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

Let me express my appreciation for taking all measures necessary so that this request is duly considered by the Committee on Contributions.

(*Signed*) Aboubacar Ibrahim **Abani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative